

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1	SECT	ION 1. The purpose of this Act is to require the
2	legislatu	re to follow certain fundamental principles of the
3	sunshine	law in conducting its business, including:
4	(1)	Requiring each legislative house to conduct public
5		hearings on proposed rules prior to adoption;
6	(2)	Requiring a majority vote to suspend a legislative
7		rule;
8	(3)	Instituting a seventy-two hour public notice
9		requirement for public hearings to ensure reasonable
10		opportunity for public input and testimony on
11		legislation;
12	(4)	Requiring that proposed amendments to a bill be
13		germane to the subject of the bill proposition,
14		section, or paragraph to be amended.
15	(5)	Requiring that correspondence received by the
16		legislature or any of its single or joint committees
17		on a measure be considered as testimony on the
18		measure; and



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1	(6) Requiring that all floor votes, except on first	
2	reading, be printed on the order of the day before	
3	consideration.	
4	SECTION 2. Chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended	
5	by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and to read	
6	as follows:	
7	"PART . LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS	
8	§92- Rules of the legislature. After a public hearing,	
9	each legislative house shall adopt official rules and policies	
10	by a majority vote. A majority vote shall be taken before	
11	suspending any legislative rule.	
12	§92- Public notice. Public notice shall be provided	
13	seventy-two hours before a public hearing. A public hearing	
14	shall be conducted on all major substantive provisions in	
15	legislation that is to be considered for adoption.	
16	§92- Amendments shall be germane. Every amendment	
17	proposed on a bill shall be germane to the subject of the	
18	proposition, section, or paragraph to be amended.	
19	§92- Testimony. All correspondence received by the	
20	legislature or any of its single or joint committees on a	

measure shall be considered as testimony on that measure.

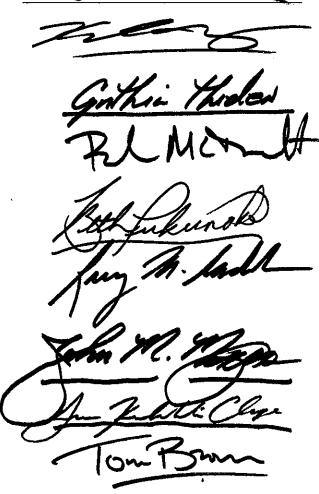
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                 Agenda and voting. All items to be voted on by
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    each legislative house, except for first reading votes on bills,
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    shall be printed on the order of the day before consideration,
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    including votes to agree to amendments from the other house."
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         SECTION 3. Section 92-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
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    amended to read as follows:
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         "§92-10 Legislative branch; applicability.
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    Notwithstanding any provisions contained in this chapter to the
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    contrary, open meeting requirements, and provisions regarding
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    enforcement, penalties, and sanctions, as they are to relate to
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    the state legislature or to any of its members shall be [such as
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    shall be] as from time to time prescribed by the respective
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    rules and procedures of the senate and the house of
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    representatives, which rules and procedures shall take
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    precedence over this part [-], except as provided in part
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    of this chapter. Similarly, provisions relating to notice,
    agenda and minutes of meetings, and [such] other requirements as
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    may be necessary, shall also be governed by the respective rules
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    and procedures of the senate and the house of representatives."
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         SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
    and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
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1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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### Report Title:

Sunshine Law; Legislative Requirements

#### Description:

Requires the legislature to follow fundamental principles of the sunshine law, including: conducting public hearings on legislative rules; requiring a majority vote to suspend legislative rules; giving a seventy-two hour public notice for public hearings; requiring proposed amendments on a bill to be germane to the text to be amended; requiring correspondence on measures to be considered testimony; and requiring the posting, on the order of the day, of votes by a house to agree to amendments made by the other house.

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